



KINGDOM VISION

PART 26

The Single-Eyed Believer (cont'd)
VOLUNTEERING AND WORKING
IN YOUR FATHER'S FIELD

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“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” (Habakkuk 2:2-3 KJV)

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“These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.” (Genesis 37:2 KJV)

“For with thee is the fountain of life: In thy light shall we see light.” (Psalm 36:9 KJV)

The scripture tells us in Matthew 13:11 that it has been given to us to know the mystery of the kingdom. No one can understand it on the basis of their mere intelligence; it has to be given to you to know. Until this gifting takes place in one's life, such a person will only be going in circles without ever reaching their destination. They can never enjoy living a life of distinction.

“He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.” (Matthew 13:11)

Jesus built the kingdom of God on parables, and until you understand the parable surrounding your life journey, you will labor longer than the rest. Vision gives us the ability to understand the parable or mystery surrounding our success in life!

Let us examine the power of vision in one of Jesus' many parables as recorded in Matthew 13. I would like to focus my attention on verses 44-46 for the purpose of this study. It reads:

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hid in a field! In other words, it takes a man of vision to discover the treasures hidden in one's simple life. Without the power of vision, all of us would have ended up as 'nobodies' but history tells the difference between those who harness the power of vision to dominate their world and those who don't. Many examples surround us of how people with vision have changed—and continue to change—their world!

Indeed, treasures are always hidden; it takes discovery to maximize their yield. What really changed my perspective about vision is how it allows you to bite more than you can chew most of the time. In Jesus' parable, the man who discovered the hidden treasure did not just unearth it but went and bought the whole field. That is Vision at work! Perhaps, his thinking was that there may be many more treasures on the property, so he sells everything he has to buy one thing. It takes vision to identify the goodly pearls and it takes a vision of great value to capture the pearl market in the world. Without vision, we perish because we are clueless and life is without meaning. It is working on the Master's field that can lead to awesome discoveries of one's life and purpose.

As we wrap up this chapter of Kingdom Vision, we have learnt many lessons about the need to stay on the father's field so that our vision can find us and we can mature with it as well. Let's look at the life of king Saul as we conclude.

LESSON 1

“And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place. Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint

him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.” (1 Samuel 9:14-16 KJV)

My friend, there is no coincidence in God's agenda. I know we like to use that word a lot, but everything with God is divinely arranged when you are in 'vision discovery mode' on the Master's field. Saul and Samuel had never met until Saul introduced himself to the prophet. Still, a day before they met—24 hours ago—God had already spoken to Samuel about Saul. There is no way Samuel could have missed Saul because the detail of his pending visit was exceptionally given to Samuel in advance.

We learn here that God will prepare the future for you before you get there and guide you along the way. Don't mind how the journey got started because, oftentimes, the days of little beginnings are simply a decoy to get you engaged on the assignment before you. In Saul's case, his father's asses were lost but he encountered the throne while serving his father by setting out to look for the lost asses. Pursuing God's agenda on our Father's field brings the anointing to function along the way. Reminds me of the words of that blessed hymn:

Tis' so sweet to follow Jesus,
Just to take Him by His word,
Just to lean on His promise and
Just to hear thus saith the Lord.

My prayer is this song will wake something up in you to pant after the water brooks in Jesus' name. Amen.

LESSON 2

“And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people. Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is. And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.” (1 Samuel 9:17-19 KJV)

Following God's agenda and vision for your life—a vision discovered by working on the Master's field—will place your name in places you could only dream off. God said to Samuel, “This is Saul, the man I have anointed as king over my people. He doesn't even know it yet.” Indeed, when you find yourself on the go for the Lord, a lot of things will be happening simultaneously in the spirit realm, working to confirm your appointment with destiny. Saul found the Seer, and the Seer led him to his place of purpose. I pray for you today that you will locate your 'Seer' in Jesus' name. He will set the table before you in unexpected places, and you will dine with movers and shakers of your time in Jesus' name!

LESSON 3

“And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house? And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me? And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.” (1 Samuel 9:20-22 KJV)

There's always a recovery of whatever has been stolen, after all, even the loss was part of the setup to set you on your path of purpose! Whatever pain junctions may be in your life, the balm of Gilead will soothe it for you in Jesus' name. Don't mind the distractions; if you have not found your purpose, continue to look for your 'Seer'; when you find that mentor, everything will open up for you. It doesn't matter if you are dirty right now or if you come from the lowest beginning. When choosing a king, the tribe of Benjamin is not supposed to be mentioned at all, but the God Who singled Saul out of that tribe can elevate you from anywhere to the right place where you belong. You will soon be called to the highest position of honor having found your vision and purpose in life!

LESSON 4

“And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day. And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house.” (1 Samuel 9:23-25 KJV)

From this encounter, Saul became the number one citizen of the land. Saul began to get privileged information. If you understand how things operate in the developed world, you will have a good understanding of why Samuel had to commune with Saul at the TOP OF THE HOUSE. There are some secret or intelligent briefings that can't be shared with just anyone. In the US, the venue for such briefing is referred to as the SITUATION ROOM; that's the place where a lot of decisions that guide the nation are made. When you find a purpose or vision for your life, God will begin to reveal more profound things that are only meant for your ears. You must do all to find where God needs you, and this starts by serving unreservedly on the Master's field.

LESSON 5

“And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.” (1 Samuel 9:26-27 KJV)

Samuel knows one thing that Saul doesn't know yet: the series of things that will be happening to him. Samuel told Saul it is time for manifestation; no more delay or waiting for the vision to develop. Saul's servant was instrumental in getting him to the 'Seer,' but the time came for Saul (and comes for us) when we will need to be separated—not relationally but physically—and position ourselves to receive all that God will begin to show us, even things that are meant to secure our destiny! For Saul, he became the king indeed; he prophesied; and he did much more, but he did not keep all the word that was shown to him. He would later go ahead to self-destruct.

There is more to unpack from Saul's story, but we will continue in the next chapter of the Kingdom Vision.

CALL TO ACTION

- Do you understand the parables about your life?
- Can you see far enough to take advantage of the treasures in your life?
- Do you attribute things happening in your life to coincidence?
- Do you know God can mention you in places can you only dream off?
- Do you know that God can make you recover everything that seems lost?
- Do you think God still reveals deep secrets to His children today?

PONDER THIS: “ENGRAVED ON HIS PALMS”

“Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.” (Isaiah 49:16 KJV)

God thinks about us every time His hands are open. Your discovery journey begins and ends with God. You are meant for signs and wonders! Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, order my steps to meet the one you have ordained to provide clarity into my life's purpose in the name of Jesus.
2. Father, cause my name to be mentioned for good in high places in the name of Jesus.

PS: Reach out or pray for ten souls to be added to the Kingdom in your area. God bless you as you do so.